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**Pabst, Gene**

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**From:** Lyman, Randy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2003 1:03 PM  
**To:** 'nrpratd2@mail.dnr.state.mo.us'  
**Cc:** Pabst, Gene; Schaefer, Bob; Malter, Ed  
**Subject:** RE: Petrol Properties ST0013595, R0001321--2555 N. Glenstone Ave. Economy Inn Lodge

We asked that they disconnect the groundwater discharge from the sanitary sewer because they possessed no permit to do so. They apparently have complied with our request. If adequate treatment and other requirements are met, they could discharge to our sanitary sewer system on our terms.

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**From:** Pabst, Gene  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2003 10:50 AM  
**To:** Lyman, Randy  
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Randy, I stopped at the Economy Inn after putting in a sampler at Strafford and they have removed the sump pump discharge line from the sanitary sewer clean out. They extended the sump pump discharge line to the West so it would not drain back toward the clean out. They have put the cap back on the clean out.

Gene

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**From:** Lyman, Randy  
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**To:** Pabst, Gene  
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**From:** Fred Hutson [mailto:nrhutsf@mail.dnr.state.mo.us]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2003 5:10 PM

**To:** David Pratt

**Cc:** Dave Walchshauser; Mark Rader; Randy\_Lyman@ci.springfield.mo.us

**Subject:** Re: Petrol Properties ST0013595, R0001321--2555 N. Glenstone Ave. Economy Inn Lodge

The motel owner should contact the RPs and PSTIF.

Fred Hutson, R.G.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

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David Pratt

To: Randy\_Lyman@ci.springfield.mo.us

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cc: Fred Hutson/HWP/DEQ/MODNR@MODNR, Dave Walchshauser/HWP/DEQ/MODNR@MODNR, I

Rader/SWRO/DEQ/MODNR@MODNR

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**From:** Lyman, Randy  
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**To:** Pabst, Gene; Schaefer, Bob; Malter, Ed  
**Cc:** 'nrprtd2@mail.dnr.state.mo.us'  
**Subject:** RE: Petrol Properties ST0013595, R0001321--2555 N. Glenstone Ave. Economy Inn Lodge

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2003 11:53 AM  
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**Cc:** 'nrprtd2@mail.dnr.state.mo.us'  
**Subject:** RE: Petrol Properties ST0013595, R0001321--2555 N. Glenstone Ave. Economy Inn Lodge

Randy, I went to the Economy Inn on April 22, 2003 (9:50 A.M.) and talked to an employee - Paul. I explained why I was there. I asked about the sump pump in the stairwell and he said that they have plumbed the discharge to the sanitary sewer. Upon inspection they have taken the sump pump discharge, which was tributary to the surface, on the North side of their building and extended the discharge line to a sanitary sewer clean out. Paul told me that they did this to stop the water from coming back into the basement apartment when the sump pump discharged to the surface. I asked if they have been having a gasoline problem. He stated that they have not had a problem with gasoline for some time. I did not observe a gasoline odor at the point of discharge at the sanitary sewer clean out. I checked the sump pump in the stairwell. I did not smell gasoline. There was a slight silver sheen on the water. When Paul stirred up the water, I could smell a slight odor of gasoline. I told Paul that we have two problems with the sump pump discharging to the sanitary sewer. First, we cannot accept a petroleum product, such as gasoline, into the sanitary sewer. Second, City Ordinance does not allow for a sump pump to discharge groundwater to the sanitary sewer. I told him that they need to disconnect the sump pump from the clean out and put the cap back on. I told Paul that it looked like they have moved the sump pump discharge point far enough away (from the original surface discharge point) that the water should not go back into the basement. Paul told me that he was only an employee and that I needed to talk to the owner, Mr. Ratilal Hirpera. Paul said that Mr. Hirpera was not there at the moment but should be arriving shortly. I told Paul that I would check back in 30 minutes. Upon my return at 10:45 A.M. I met with the owner and explained to him what I had already told Paul. The owner said that they would remove the sump pump discharge from the sanitary sewer today. He said that he did not know he could not discharge this water to the sanitary sewer. I asked Mr. Hirpera if they were going to remove their pool. He said that they are planning on having it dug out this summer. I told him that he might want to contact Mr. David Pratt, MDNR, to see if he would like to be present when the pool is removed. Mr. Pratt could then look for contaminated soil under the pool. The pool is located between the motel and Petrol Properties. I will recheck this week to make sure that the sump pump discharge has been removed from the sanitary sewer clean out.

Gene

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**From:** Lyman, Randy  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2003 3:57 PM  
**To:** Pabst, Gene  
**Cc:** Schaefer, Bob; Malter, Ed  
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Gene, please go check this out and let me know if this is happening. We may have to consider enforcement if we can't get cooperation from these people.

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**From:** Fred Hutson [nrhutsf@mail.dnr.state.mo.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2003 11:45 AM  
**To:** David Pratt  
**Cc:** Dave Walchshauser; Gene\_Pabst@ci.springfield.mo.us; Glennis Evans; Heather Nevins; Mark Rader  
**Subject:** Re: Petrol Properties ST0013595, R0001321

Dave Pratt, thanks for bringing this to our attention. "Deferral" is only appropriate for situations that are "monitoring only" with no off site threats nor active remediation. Clearly we need to revisit this one. Dave W will be in contact with you.

I would suggest that you confirm/support your observations with samples.

Job: NJ00PHWB

DW: Do you need me to pull the file or something?

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**Cc:** Wagner, Todd; Price, Harry; Malter, Ed; Schaefer, Bob; nrradem@mail.dnr.state.mo.us; Heatherly, Nick

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FYI, we would entertain a permit application for discharge of this material, but treatment would be required; i.e. oil/water separator, carbon filter, etc. All required local plumbing, electrical, building permits would apply and a sewer impact fee would be assessed along with regular monthly sewer billing for volume discharged. If noticeably odorous after treatment, we would not allow on-site discharge, but might allow it to be trucked to the SW treatment plant, providing it meets local discharge limitations and requirements.

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**To:** File – 2555 N. Glenstone, Economy Inn  
**From:** Gene Pabst *GP*  
**CC:** Randy Lyman, Mark Rader - MDNR  
**Date:** 02/03/03  
**Re:** Gasoline odor in the swimming pool sump at the Economy Inn

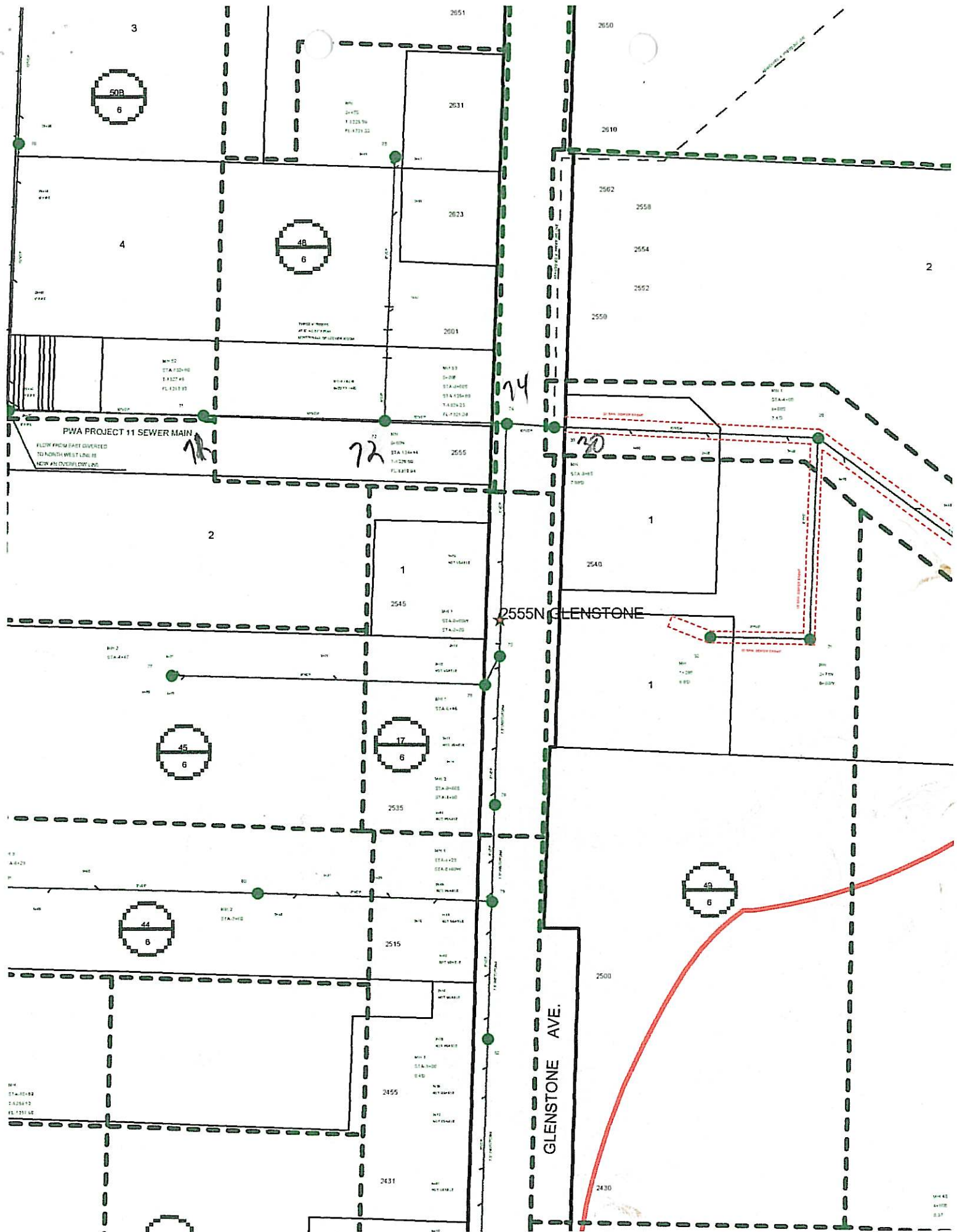
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On February 3, 2003, this office received a complaint (from the Health Dept.) that the Economy Inn, 2555 N. Glenstone, had a gasoline odor in the crawl space under their West concrete pool deck. At 1:00 P.M. on Feb. 3, 2003, I checked the following City Sanitary Sewer manholes around the motel:

MH 72	0% LEL	No odor
MH 71	0% LEL	No odor
MH 74	0% LEL	No odor
MH 75	0% LEL	No odor
MH 30	0% LEL	No odor

I talked to the motel manager and he said the water was entering the pool crawl space on the south side of the pool. From there, the ground water is pumped out onto the ground. As I entered the crawl space, I thought I had a faint odor of gasoline. I obtained a 0% LEL with my combustible gas meter. The property to the South of the pool recently underwent a major cleanup, with gasoline tank removal as well as soil removal. Larry Smalley, Sunbelt Environmental Services, was at the above location on January 31, 2003 and he stated that he did not smell any gasoline or see any product on the water. Sunbelt I believe did the cleanup of the site next door. I am referring this complaint to Mark Rader at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

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# CALLER INFORMATION LOG

Gene - see me about this

Department: PWSSSM

Date: 2-3-03

Taken by: Pali E

Problem code: 041er

Problem Location: 2555 N Glenstone  
Economy Inn

Caller Name: Larena Pilgrim - Health Dept

Caller Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Caller phone: 864-1666

Notify caller: ☒ yes ☐ no

Caller comments: Said address was complaining about  
foul water leaking from pool. Said  
environmental company (Sunbelt) had checked  
it and couldn't help them. ~~Said~~ Said  
C.U. Water had also confirmed they  
didn't have a broken water line at  
this location.

Additional comments: Referred problem to Gene Pabst so  
he could make sure there is no  
contamination in sanitary.  
Called Larry at Sunbelt Environmental.  
He said water was leaking into sump pit  
of basement. Business thinks there is  
gasoline in the water, but Sunbelt said  
they did not smell or see any on Friday

(1-31-03)

City of Springfield  
Water Pollution Control Section  
Pollution Complaint/Report Form

Date 4-26-89

Report From:

- ☒ Citizen  
☐ Fire Dept  
☐ Sewer Maintenance  
☐ Other

Received By: Gene Pabst

Referred To:

Date of Incident: 4-26-89

Complainant Information:

Name Friendship Inn (Deana Rushing)  
Address 2555 N. Glenstone  
Phone 864-8459  
Directions (if needed)

Responsible Party Information:

Name  
Address  
Phone

Possible contamination of: ☐ soil ☒ groundwater  
☐ surface water what body?  
☒ other Sanitary Sewer

Other Pertinent Information

Who to contact:

- |  |                                       |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DNR 417-883-4033   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Schaefer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Const           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DNR 314-634-2436              | <input type="checkbox"/> CU 831-8320  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemtrec 800-424-9300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EPA 913-236-3378              | <input type="checkbox"/> Street Dept  | <input type="checkbox"/> DOT                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Dept 864-1719 | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Dept  | <input type="checkbox"/> MRC 312-790-5500      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Dept 864-1719          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Maint  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                 |

Details of Incident:

Deana Rushing - Friendship Inn - 2555 N. Glenstone - called to inform us that they were getting gasoline in the basement area around their swimming pool. She said it was coming into the basement from around the seams, along with groundwater.

Action needed:

I contacted Fire Marshal Lawrence about the problem. He said he would send someone out. Karen Chandler and I went to the Friendship Inn & met Gary Courley with Fire Dept. Mr. Courley stated that he was not getting a reading with his explosion meter. He said he had nothing else he could do at the present time. Deana Rushing stated that they have to pump out the basement about every 3 days. Apparently there is a small amount of "gasoline" on top of the water. We could smell a slight musty gasoline smell in the basement. We then checked the Sanitary Sewer in the area and found nothing (0 on the explosion meter). We referred the matter to M.D.N.R. (Mr. Ed. Sears).

Gene Pabst

2555 N. Glenstone